
Biography

Mark Varshavsky studied at the Moscow Conservatory under G. Kosolupova and S. Scirinsky.

He has toured extensively through Russia, and has been highly acclaimed by audiences, critics and such illustrious composers as D. Sciostakovich.

He appeared on numerous Russian radio and television programmes and has made several recordings.

Since emigrating his performances include:

- Appearances with orchestras like "Mozarteum" in Salzburg, "Tonkuenstler" in Vienna, "The Minnesota Symphony" in the U.S., "Aidem" in Florence and any more.

- International Festival in Vienna, Paris, Milan, Gstaad, "Carinthischer Sommer", with artists such as Yehudi Menuhin, Maurice Gendron and Jörg Demus.

- Performances for musical associations such as L'Accademia di S. Cecilia in Rome and Les Amis de la Musique de Chambre de Paris, among others.

- He has made recordings of performances with the BBC in London, Radio France, RAI in Rome, Bayrischer Rundfunk, Suisse Romande and other TV networks.

- His teaching activity includes master classes in Vienna and at the Yehudi Menuhin International Academy.

- Mark Varshavsky is also a piano-accompanist as well as a conductor, having studied with Franco Ferrara and Sergiu Celibidache.

Dimitri Sciostakovich described Varshavsky as "a great Master of his instrument", while illustrious artists such as Ormandy, Milstein, Menuhin, Piatigorsky and Maazel consider him to be among the greatest performers of our time.

M. Varshavsky's repertoire includes virtually all the cello compositions ranging from early music to the most contemporary compositions.

Critics

"Authentic revelation - genial improvisor"
Il Giornale, Milano

"An unforgettable experience"
Daily Telegraph, London

"L'un des plus parfaits représentants de l'école russe"
Le Figaro, Paris

"Mark Varshavsky, a new dimension of interpretation, phenomenal cellist"
Die Presse, Wien

"Le violoncelliste Mark Varshavsky: une révélation"
L'Information, Tel-Aviv

"Fantastic cellist"
Basler Zeitung

"A true discovery, fascinating example of his art"
Fono-Forum, Bielefeld

Records

Chopin
Melodia 23073, URSS

Music by Russian Composers
Duraphon HD 257

Little encore-pieces
Duraphon HD 318

Schumann, Chopin, Respighi
Bongiovanni GB 5004